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SUBJECT: CSCE: RUMORS OF US-ALLIED DIFFERENCES OVER
HUMAN RIGHTS

1. FRG AMBASSADOR VON STADEN CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
VEST JULY 6 TO REVIEW SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR THE
UPCOMING SCHMIDT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. IN COURSE OF THE
MEETING, VON STADEN ASKED ABOUT A GERMAN NEWS AGENCY
REPORT FROM BELGRADE, DATED JULY 3, WHICH REFERRED TO A US
CSCE DELEGATE'S COMPLAINT ABOUT LACK OF ALLIED SUPPORT
FOR THE US POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. ACCORDING TO VON
STADEN, THE REPORT STATED THAT THE US DELEGATION WAS
FEELING A GROWING SENSE OF ISOLATION AMONG ITS ALLIES,
INCLUDING THE FRG, IN HANDLING THE SUBJECT AT THE CONFER-
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ENCE. THE US DELEGATE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT SOME
OF THE ALLIES SEEMED TO FEEL THAT THE US WAS ENDANGERING
DETENTE BY ITS EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. VON STADEN
ASKED VEST IF HE COULD SHED ANY LIGHT ON THIS NEWS REPORT.

2. VEST STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT HE WAS IN REGULAR AND
FREQUENT CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR SHERER IN BELGRADE. IN

NONE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS HE HAD HAD WITH SHERER HAD THE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED ANY SUCH PROBLEMS WITH THE ALLIES. VEST SAID THAT HE ASSUMED THAT HE WOULD HAVE HEARD FROM

SHERER HAD SUCH PROBLEMS EMERGED. HE THEREFORE DISCOUNTED THE NEWS AGENCY REPORT AND ASKED THAT THE FRG DO LIKEWISE. VON STADEN THANKED HIM FOR HIS STATEMENT.

3. VON STADEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT, UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT SAW SOME OBJECTION, GENSCHER WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE CSCE COMMISSION WHILE HE WAS IN WASHINGTON WITH SCHMIDT. GENSCHER WAS INTERESTED IN PRESENTING FRG VIEWS ON CSCE MATTERS IN A FRANK BUT FRIENDLY WAY TO THE GROUP. VEST SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE MEETING AND, INDEED, HE THOUGHT IT COULD BE USEFUL FOR ALL SIDES.
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